

APPROVED MINUTES
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
September 4, 2014
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member Asst. Dir., RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary, RIPC Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc. Tom Sullivan, Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc. Capt. P. Costabile, Executive Director, NEMP Capt. R. Comeau, Program Mgr., MNI Capt. Sean Bogus, NEMP

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the June, 2014 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The June 2014 minutes was approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Chair McVay addressed the meeting and wanted to clarify the June 2014 meeting minutes on the status of a retired state pilot. He explained that after a pilot retires from the rotation list, he can still pilot under his *state license* at the discretion of the rotation administrator, NEMP executive director, or the rotation of pilots as needed. The commissioners agreed that a retired pilot's status should be classified and entered into the rules and regulations. Chair McVay said that he will draft language to clarify the regulation and have it ready for the annual public hearing. Member Chief Hall made a motion to modify the rules and classify a pilot's status after retirement. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*
- 2) Regulation Review – The Commission members continued to review the State Pilot Regulations for revisions - 15.19, Utilization of Commission Issued Navigational Computer Equipment.
 - 15.19 A(1) – Correction; *Girth* will be changed to *Berth* and will read: *when a pilot is navigating a vessel from one berth to another berth within the harbor.*
 - 15.19 B – No action taken.

Atty. Powers commented that moving forward to Rule 16E, he found that the rule is t repetitious of 5.13 and advised that the commission might want to delete Rule 16E or insert a reference indicating that Pilot Units appear in 15.3.

- 3) Member Capt. Fritz stated his concerns on the “autonomous surface vessels (ASV)”; and could impact all commercial and recreational vessels transiting the Bay. Ed LeBlanc (USCG) will advise the members with any current information on the ASV's.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new Business.

IV. COMMENTS FROM NEMP

- 1) Capt. Costabile advised that Capt. Bogus has been promoted to President of the Northeast Marine Pilots Association.
- 3) Capt. Bogus informed the commissioners that he has stepped down from the State Pilot Board to focus more time with the NEMP. He also advised that Capt. Astles will be taking his place on the Board. Member Capt. Fritz made a motion to accept Capt. Bogus's resignation from the State Pilot Board and approve Capt. Astles appointment. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

V. COMMENTS FROM MSI

Capt. Comeau addressed the members to update them on training that is currently being offered at the Institute on the new ECDIS system.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:59am. Member Chief Hall made a motion to adjourn. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2014, beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, Rm. 250; 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.